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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJ: ICAO - CENTRAL AMERICA REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL

REF: MONTREAL 0512

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, SALVADOR MEETING OF DIRS CIV AV/CEN
AMERICA SCHEDULED MAY 13 - 17.

2. NICARAGUA (CENAM) REP HAS BEEN ASKED BY GON AND OTHER CA
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO PREPARE REASONS WHY CA SHOULD REMAIN
ON COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY "BENEFITS" DERIVED IN RETURN FOR COST.
INCREASED COST FOR DELEGATION SPACE NEW BLDG PLUS ADVERSE EXCHANGE
RATE (NOW 4 PERCENT ON US DOLLAR), INFLATION, ARE FACTORS.
ALTHO MINIMUM ASSESSMENT DROPPING FROM .10 TO .06 PERCENT AS RESULT
NINETEENTH ASSEMBLY, NICREP WAS ASKED DISCUSS WITH FINDIR POSSI-
BILITY OF DROP TO .01 (UN) IN 20TH ASSEMBLY. (ESP IN VIEW "PER
CAPITA" PAPER (CWP 5970).

3. NICREP ALSO DISCUSSING WITH ICAO, TECH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
CA, BUT POINTS OUT CANNOT USE THIS AS ARGUMENT FOR REMAINING
ON COUNCIL SINCE TA IS GIVEN ANYWAY.

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4. NICREP WAS ASKED DELAY DEPARTURE TO PREPARE DETAILED PRESENTATION FOR CA/DCA'S MEETING SO DECISION CAN BE FORMALIZED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT CONTINUE EXPENSE OF COUNCIL SEAT.

5. NICREP ADVISED USREP CONFIDENTIALLY THAT PROBLEM DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION COUNCIL CONSIDERATION US ASSEMBLY ITEM ON REGIONAL OFFICES (CWP 5976). US ENDEAVORED DELETE STATEMENT THAT PRESENT ICAO/REGIONAL BODIES ARRANGEMENT "WORKING SATISFACTORILY". NICARAGUA SUPPORTED WITH GOOD STATEMENT THAT LA COULDNT' DECLARE "WORKING SATISFACTORILY" SINCE ICAO SUPPORT OF NEW CLAAC NOT YET IN EFFECT. ARGENTINA/BRAZIL MADE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE "WORKING SATISFACTORILY" AND AS REPORTED, US DROPPED MATTER. LATER MEXICO/ARGENTINA REPS TOLD NICREP HE WAS NOT TO OPPOSE ANY STATEMENT BY ANY LAREP SO LA BLOC ALWAYS TOGETHER. WHEN HE COMPLAINED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS LA BLOC POSITION THIS MATTER, REPLY WAS HE DIDN'T NEED DETAILS BUT SHOULD ALWAYS SUPPORT. NICREP SAYS HE CANNOT TOLERATE SUCH POSITIONS.

6. HE QUERIED USREP RE ADVANTAGES CA BEING ON COMMISSION INSTEAD COUNCIL, WHERE TECHNICAL INPUT GREATER.

7. ASKED USREP CONSIDER GIVING INFORMAL COLLEAGUE-TO-COLLEAGUE LETTER TO TAKE MANAGUA IN CONNECTION GON ROLE SALVADOR MEETING MENTIONING APPRECIATION COOPERATION RECEIVED ON MAJOR AVIATION ISSUES, CA PRESENCE ON COUNCIL IMPORTANT AS OBJECTIVE NON-POLITICAL VOTING ENTITY, IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC REGION LIKE CA, ETC.

8. AS RESULT SEVERAL PHONE CALLS/TELEGRAMS TO NIC REP LAST FEW DAYS, HE HAS IMPRESSION CA WILL NOT RPT NOT STAND RE-ELECTION COUNCIL.

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